

PATENT

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In re Application of: Brown et al.
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EXPANDABLE STENT
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculating the filing fee and beginning examination of this application,
please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete lines 3-5 and replace them with the following text:

--This application is a continuation of US Application No. 08/511,076, filed
August 3, 1995 which is a continuation-in-part of US Application No. 08/396,569, filed March 1,
1995, the contents of both of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.--

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8.

Please add new claims 9- 20 as follows:

--9.(New) A thin-walled, cylindrical stent formed from a single piece of metal, the stent
having a nominal diameter when fully radially deployed into a vessel of the human body and
having a longitudinal direction parallel to the axial axis of the cylindrical stent, the stent further
comprising a multiplicity of sets of strut members with each set of strut members forming a
circumferentially extending closed structure with adjacent sets of strut members being coupled
each to the other by connectors, said stent having a proximal end, a distal end and a center